

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

BENOIT DE CROMBRUGGHE  
HARUHIKO AKIYAMA

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Serial No.: 10/534,099

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:772US

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For: HA4, A NEW OBSTEOBLAST-AND  
CHONDROCYTE-SPECIFIC SMALL  
SECRETED PEPTIDE, COMPOSITIONS  
AND MEHTODS OF USE

**EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL**

NUMBER EV 674811651 US

DATE OF DEPOSIT March 21, 2006

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED DECMEBER 22, 2005**

**MS PCT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including March 22, 2006 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 22, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$60.00) for a one month extension of time.

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If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:772US.

Respectfully submitted,



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